

NOTE.—In the Plymouth Probate Records, vol. 4, pages 22 and 23, Elizabeth Waterman, relict and widow of Anthony Waterman, late of Marshfield, is appointed to be guardian of Zebulon Waterman. "Orphan Waterman (your daughter)." Thomas Waterman, Joseph Waterman.

Evidently Jonathan Alden's letter carried his point, and after the children are 14 we find them choosing guardians. Vol. 5, page 414, Joseph Waterman over 14, chooses John Thomas of Marshfield, 27 Dec. 1728.

On same day, Thomas chooses John Thomas.

On 27 day March, 1728, Zebulon Waterman chooses John Thomas, Jr. Orphan Waterman chooses John Thomas, Jr., 25 Oct. 1728-9.

FAMILY OF JOHN SAVAGE, MIDDLETOWN, CONN. 1652.

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THE earliest information concerning John Savage, who settled in 1652 in Middletown, Conn.—then known by the Indian name Mattabesett or Mattabeseck,—is that contained in Hartford, Conn. records, as follows:

"John Savage of Hartford was married to Elizabeth Dubbin y^e tenth day of febru: one thousand six hundred and fifty two."

The name of his wife is Dublin in Middletown land records and the family records; by the marriage record it appears as Dubbin. Presumably, this is a corruption of D'Aubin, to-day commonly written Aubin, one of the many patronymics derived from the name of Ste. Aubin (*latine* Albinus), bishop of Antwerp. In 1707, John Dublin petitioned the General Assembly of Rhode Island that he might receive some allowance for the shot he received in his head while engaged with Col. John Wanton, in the capture of French privateers. He alleges that by this wound he lost one of his eyes. The Assembly "seriously considering his condition and willing to encourage such that are willing to defend Her Majesty's interest in this Colony" voted him four pounds a year for five years; and, in 1720, the Assembly voted him the same pension during his natural life. This is in evidence of the spelling of the name, as John was contemporary with Mrs. Savage, and might have been a nephew.

Whence John Savage came, where and when he landed in America, are alike unknown to his descendants. As few beside Englishmen were then in New England, it is probable that he came from England to the Massachusetts Bay Colony and thence removed to Hartford. The spelling of the name is various. Hon. R. R. Hinman, long Secretary of State in Connecticut, and well informed as to the early settlers, says: "Savage, Savidge, Savadge, John of Middletown was made free at Hartford, 18 May 1654."

His will is signed "John Saudig" though, in the declaration with which that instrument opens, it is written "Savedg." The same uncertainty exists elsewhere. In England, the common spelling is Savage, from the time of Henry V. In France, at Bayeux, Normandy, and at Poitiers, Sauvage prevails. In Canada, where a numerous population of aboriginal extraction exists, the French spelling is followed. Little significance, however, in this case, attaches to difference in spelling, as, in the seventeenth century, the name applied to members of the Massachusetts family, in the

public records of that Colony, was written Savadge, Savidge, Savige, and Sauage, as well as Savage. A very old blazon of arms, whose history is unknown, identical with the arms of Savage, of Rock Savage, County of Chester, England, is preserved in the family; members of which, like the Massachusetts branch, have inherited a tradition of kinship to the titled family in Cheshire.

He was made freeman in 1654. In 1657, he possessed 1207 acres of land, 441 acres being on the east side of the Connecticut river. His name is seventh in the list of members, who organized, in 1668, the First Congregational Church of Middletown. He held the military rank of Sergeant, as appears by "An Inventory of the Estate of Sarg^{nt} John Savidge, deceased March 6, 1684-5," filed with Hartford Probate Records, where his will may be found. His residence was in that part of Middletown known at different periods as North Society, Upper Houses, Upper Middletown and now Cromwell. He died March 6, 1684-5, and left an estate of 805 acres, valued at £480 15s. Children:

2. i. JOHN,² b. 1 December, 1652.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. 3 June, 1655; m. 28 March, 1678, Dea. Nathaniel White, son of Capt. Nathaniel and Elizabeth White of Middletown, b. 7 July, 1652. They dwelt at Hadley, Mass. He d. 15 February, 1742; she d. 30 Jan., 1742.
- iii. SARAH, b. 30 July, 1657; m. 28 March, 1678, Israel Wilcox, son of John and Catharine (Stoughton) Wilcox of Hartford, b. 19 June, 1656. He d. in 1689; she d. 8 February, 1723-4.
- iv. THOMAS, b. 10 September, 1659; d. 1 December, 1659.
- v. HANNAH, b. 6 April, 1661; d. May, 1661.
- vi. MARY, b. 25 June, 1663; m. 1 April, 1686, John Whitmore,* son of Thomas and Sarah (Hall) Whitmore, one of the first settlers of Middletown. It was his second marriage. He d. 31 August, 1696, and she m. (2) Dea. Obadiah Allen, son of Samuel and Ann (——) of Windsor. He d. 7 April, 1712; she d. 20 October, 1723.
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. 10 July, 1666; m. 14 April, 1687, Edward Shepard, son of John and Rebecca (Greenhill) Shepard of Hartford, b. 31 July, 1662, at Cambridge. He d. 9 Sept., 1711; she d. 16 October, 1719. Edward Shepard was deputy, from Middletown, to the General Assembly 1710-11.
3. viii. WILLIAM, b. 26 April, 1668.
4. ix. NATHANIEL, b. 7 May, 1671.
- x. RACHEL, b. 15 April, 1673; m. John Spinning, son of ———, b. ———. He d. ———, and she m. (2) Capt. Thomas Hall, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Cooke) Hall, of Middletown. They dwelt at Guilford, Ct., where she d. 19 Jan., 1752.
- xi. HANNAH, b. 16 July, 1676.
2. JOHN² SAVAGE (*John*¹) was born at Middletown, 1 December, 1652; married 30 May, 1682, Mary Ranney, b. October, 1665, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hubbard) Ranney of Middletown.† They dwelt in that part of Middletown, now Cromwell, where he died 31 October, 1726; she died 19 August, 1734. He was captain north train band of Middletown, 1711. Children:
5. i. JOHN,³ b. February, 1683; d. March, 1683.
- ii. THOMAS, b. 21 August, 1684.
- iii. JOHN, b. 30 January, 1685; d. 20 August, 1686.
- iv. JOHN, b. 7 August, 1688.
- v. MARY, 11 February, 1690-1; m. 22 September, 1709, David Hurlbut, b. 11 August, 1688, son of John and Mary (Deming) Hurlbut of Middletown.

* The fourth generation began to spell Wetmore.

† See Note A.

6. vi. WILLIAM, b. July, 1693.
 - vii. ELIZABETH, b. July, 1696; d. 30 Jan., 1742.
 - viii. ABIGAIL, b. Dec., 1698; d. Mch., 1699.
 - ix. SARAH, b. Sept., 1700; m. 2 June, 1726, William Savage.
 - x. RACHEL, b. 15 January, 1703-4; m. 4 April, 1728, William Goodrich, son of Ephraim Goodrich of Glastonbury, Ct. He d. 16 Sept., 1787; she d. 20 Sept., 1787.
 - xi. MERCY, b. 10 April, 1706.
3. WILLIAM² SAVAGE (*John*¹) was born at Middletown, 26 April, 1668, married (1) 6 May, 1696, Christian Mould, b. ———, 1677, daughter of Hugh and Martha (Coit) Mould of New London. She died 16 October, 1719, and he married (2) 26 November, 1726, Elizabeth, widow of Daniel Clark and daughter of ———. They dwelt at Middletown, now Cromwell. He was captain of the north company of Middletown 1719, and deputy to the General Assembly 1715-26. He died 25 January, 1726-7. Children:
- i. MARTHA,³ b. 10 June, 1697; m. (1) 5 May, 1729, Jacob, son of Jacob and Deborah (Shepard) White, of Middletown; (2) 16 November, 1739, Jonathan Riley, of Hartford; (3) Capt. Samuel Parker of Coventry.
 - ii. WILLIAM, b. 18 September, 1699.
 - iii. CHRISTIAN, b. 7 May, 1702; m. Lieut. Samuel Shepard, son of Edward and Abigail (Savage) Shepard of Middletown.
 - iv. HANNAH, b. 21 November, 1704; m. 6 November, 1729, William Savage. She d. 22 January, 1748-9.
 - v. SARAH, b. 27 February, 1708.
 - vi. JOSEPH, b. 21 September, 1711.
4. NATHANIEL² SAVAGE (*John*¹) was born at Middletown, 7 May, 1671; married 3 November, 1696, Esther Ranney, b. ———, 1674, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hubbard) Ranney. They dwelt at Portland, Ct., where he died 4 January, 1734-5. She died 1 April, 1750. He was lieutenant of the east train band of Middletown 1725. Children:
- i. ESTHER,³ b. 2 September, 1697; m. 2 April, 1724, William Cornwall, Jr.
 - ii. NATHANIEL, b. 3 October, 1698; d. 1699.
 - iii. ABIGAIL, b. 9 April, 1700.
 - iv. SUSANNA, b. 29 June, 1702.
 - v. MARY, b. 10 July, 1704; d. 27 July, 1742.
 - vi. ELIZABETH, b. 27 January, 1707-8.
 - vii. JOHN, b. 1 Sept., 1710.
 - viii. NATHANIEL, b. 29 October, 1713; d. 1716.
 - ix. JABEZ, b. 12 July, 1718; d. 1743.
5. THOMAS³ SAVAGE (*John*², *John*¹), was born at Middletown, 21 August, 1684; married 21 March, 1710-11, Mary Goodwin, b. 8 December, 1685, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Shepard) Goodwin of Hartford. They dwelt at Middletown, where in 1743 he conveyed landed estate to his sons, John, Thomas and Ebenezer, "in consideration of paternal love and affection." He died 13 March, 1755. She died 3 June, 1758. Children:
- i. THOMAS,⁴ } b. 14 November, 1711; d. { 14 November, 1711.
 - ii. MARY, } { 19 November, 1711.
 - iii. JOHN, b. 28 February, 1712-3; m. 4 August, 1742, Martha Beckley. Dwelt at E. Berlin and d. there 28 August, 1792. Descendants now at Cromwell, Ct.

- iv. THOMAS, b. 15 December, 1714; m. 1 January, 1740-1, Martha Whitmore, b. 11 March, 1719, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Warner) Whitmore of Middletown. Dwelt, 1749, at Judea (Washington), Ct., where she d. 20 Dec. 1767. He removed 1774 to Hartford, Vt., where he d. 11 October, 1798. Raised six children, three sons, viz: Seth, Thomas and Francis W.
 - v. MARY, b. 2 November, 1716; m. 20 Dec. 1758, John Robbins.
 - vi. EBENEZER, b. 26 February, 1718-9.
 - vii. NATHANIEL, b. 28 July, 1721.
 - viii. SAMUEL, b. —; m. 18 October, 1748, Sarah Kirby. Was captain 5th company, 6th regiment, colonial militia 1772; d. 5 Dec. 1779. His widow d. 2 August, 1786.
6. WILLIAM³ SAVAGE (*John,² John,¹*) was born at Middletown, July, 1693; married (1) 6 November, 1729, Hannah Savage [3. iv.], b. 21 November, 1704, daughter of William and Christian (Mould) Savage. She died 22 January, 1748-9, and he m. (2) Martha —. They dwelt at Middletown, now Cromwell, where he died 1 October, 1763. Children:
- i. DANIEL,⁴ b. 10 August, 1730; d. 18 September, 1742.
 - ii. HANNAH, b. 27 January, 1732; d. 10 September, 1742.
 - iii. CHRISTIAN, b. 10 March, 1734; d. 14 September, 1742.
 - iv. RUTH, b. 26 December, 1735; d. 15 September, 1742.
 - v. ABIGAIL, b. 5 February, 1738; d. 17 March, 1739.
 - vi. ABIJAH, b. 28 —, 1742; d. 18 Sept., 1742.
 - vii. WILLIAM, b. 2 December, 1743: m. 14 October, 1762, Lenthal, bap. 19 May, 1745, dau. of John and Abiah (Waterman) Eells. She d. 10 May, 1820; he d. 29 April, 1824.
 - viii. HANNAH, b. 24 January, 1746; d. 10 September, 1755.
7. WILLIAM³ SAVAGE (*William,² John,¹*) was born at Middletown, 18 September, 1699; married 2 June, 1726, Sarah Savage [2. ix.], b. Sept., 1700, daughter of John and Mary Savage. They dwelt at Middletown, where he was deacon. He died 15 April, 1774. She died 10 August, 1782. Children:
- i. WILLIAM,⁴ b. 19 February, 1727; m. 20 May, 1756, Martha Gibson, b. 28 September, 1736, d. 15 March, 1813. He d. 24 Oct., 1809.
 - ii. ELISHA, b. 9 December, 1728; m. 6 May, 1755, Thankful Johnson, b. 5 July, 1735, dau. of Thomas and Susanna (White) Johnson of Middletown, Up. H. They dwelt at Berlin, Ct., where he was ensign 15th company, or train band, 6th reg't, colonial militia. He d. 24 January, 1807.
 - iii. JONATHAN, b. 12 July, 1731; m. 17 April, 1755, Elizabeth Ranney, b. 17 March, 1734, dau. of Willett and Deborah (White) Ranney, of Middletown. He d. 4 April, 1805.
 - iv. AMOS, b. 25 September, 1733; m. 2 June, 1757, Sarah Montague, b. 10 May, 1736, at Wethersfield, Ct., dau. of Richard and Abigail (Camp) Montague, of Hadley, Mass. He d. 4 Feb., 1783. She d. 24 October, 1807.
 - v. JOSIAH, b. 17 October, 1735; m. 13 July, 1758, Sarah Stow, b. —, 1736. He d. 6 July, 1804. She d. 6 December, 1819.
 - vi. STEPHEN, b. 26 Oct. 1737; m. 14 March, 1765, Triphena Riley, b. 1 October, 1742, dau. of Nathaniel and Abigail (Montague) Riley.
 - vii. SOLOMON, b. 22 June, 1740; m. (1) 3 Dec. 1761, Sarah Selden, b. 30 August, 1743, dau. of Capt. Thomas and Rebecca (Walkley) Selden of Haddam Neck. She d. 12 September, 1774; m. (2) December, 1775, Naomi Kirby. He d. 31 January, 1783. M. D. Surgeon, Cont. Army. His widow m. Prosper Hubbard.
 - viii. DANIEL, b. 11 Oct. 1742; m. 8 Sept., 1774, Martha Norton. She d. 28 February, 1776. (2) 8 May, 1777, Mrs. Abiah Lincoln.

8. JOSEPH³ SAVAGE (*William*,² *John*¹) was born at Middletown, 21 September, 1711; married (1) Mary, who died in 1733, and (2) Prudence. He died 14 Dec., 1755; and his widow married, 18 May, 1758, Nathaniel Gilbert. In 1654 he was commissioned captain 5th company, 6th regiment, colonial militia. Children:
- i. PRUDENCE,⁴ b. 3 July, 1737; m. 13 November, 1760, Elias White, b. 5 May, 1734, son. of Déa. Isaac and Sybil (Butler) White, of Middletown. They settled at Whitestown, N. Y., where she d. nearly 100 years old.
 - ii. JOSEPH, b. 29 September, 1738. A master mariner. Had wife Eleanor, and children Josiah and Edward.
 - iii. MARY WHITMORE, b. 29 February, 1740; m. 12 April, 1759, Fortunatus Taylor.
 - iv. LUCY, b. 16 July, 1741; m. 25 November, 1760, Jacob White, b. 7 Nov. 1737, son of John and Elizabeth (Bordman) White of Middletown, where they resided. He d. 5 Jan. 1789. She d. 20 August, 1812.
 - v. SAMUEL STOW, b. 1 March, 1743; m. Mary Cole. Settled in Windsor County, Vt. A revolutionary soldier.
 - vi. ABIAH, b. 2 July, 1744; m. 20 August, 1765, Martha Torrey; d. 9 June, 1825. Served in French and Indian wars; was a lieutenant in Arnold's expedition against Quebec and captain in Continental service, afterwards; was deputy to General Assembly in 1802. He d. 9 June, 1825.
 - vii. SIMEON, b. 22 May, 1746; d. 6 Oct., 1749.
 - viii. LEMUEL, b. 1 February, 1747-8.
 - ix. SIMEON, b. Oct., 1749; m. 14 November, 1781, Milicent Gaylord. He d. 5 March, 1792.
 - x. GIDEON, b. 31 May, 1751; m. 4 March, 1779, Sarah White, bap. 12 Sept. 1756, dau. of Aaron and Sarah (Olmstead) White of Middletown. Was an artificer in the Revolutionary army. Settled at New Hartford, N. Y.
 - xi. NATHAN, b. 25 December, 1752. Was a revolutionary soldier. Removed, 1783, to Windsor, Vt.; m. 30 November, 1789, Elizabeth Sawins; where he d. 1814. Three children: Ira, Lucy and Belinda.
9. JOHN³ SAVAGE (*Nathaniel*,² *John*,¹) was born 1 September, 1710; married 1 May, 1735, Ann Boardman, b. ———, daughter of ——— Lieutenant 8th company, 6th regiment, colonial militia 1745. Children:
- i. NATHANIEL,⁴ b. 5 September, 1736; m. 31 January, 1760, Grace Stocking. Settled at Chatham, Conn., and d. there 26 November, 1769.
 - ii. ANNA, b. 11 July, 1737-8; d. 30 Oct., 1741.
 - iii. HEPZIBAH, b. 11 April, 1741.
 - iv. ANNA, b. 1 September, 1744.
10. EBENEZER,⁴ SAVAGE (*Thomas*,³ *John*,² *John*,¹) was born at Middletown, 26 February, 1718-9; married 14 April, 1743, Rebecca Ranney, born 3 October, 1726, daughter of Willett and Anne (Johnson) Ranney of Middletown. He removed, in 1764, to New Framingham (now Lanesboro'), Massachusetts, where he died in 1767. Rebecca Ranney was a half sister to Elizabeth, the wife of Jonathan⁴ Savage (7 iii). Children:
- i. REBECCA⁵, b. 31 March, 1744.
 - ii. NATHAN, b. 1 March, 1746; d. 20 September, 1752.
 - iii. JERUSHA, b. 20 October, 1748.
 - iv. VIOLET, b. 18 August, 1751.
 - v. EBENEZER, b. 30 June, 1754.

- vi. HANNAH, b. 17 April, 1757; m. Daniel Knapp.
- vii. HIEL, b. 30 September, 1759; m. 31 Dec., 1782, Hannah Wyatt, b. 22 Oct., 1760, dau. of ——— and Temperance Wyatt. He was a Revolutionary soldier, 1777–78–80. Settled in Milton, N. Y., and d. at Greenfield, N. Y., 1 December, 1843. His wife d. 16 May, 1829.
- viii. GILES, b. 14 October, 1761; m. Susan Randall, d. 16 May, 1841. Resided at Milton, N. Y.
- ix. LUCY, b. ———, 1762–3.
- x. DANIEL, b. 20 February, 1764; m. 3 November, 1785, Lydia Catlin. Was a soldier in the wars of the Revolution and of 1812–15. Settled at Guilford, N. Y., and d. there 27 March, 1848.

NOTE A.—The following will be of interest, in connection with the history of Capt. John Savage and his kinsfolks:

“The day of my Ordination was the 5th Day of January 1714–15. A Church was gathered in the North Society of Middletown on the above sayd 5th of January: which consisted of the following persons—Capⁿ John Savage with his wife, Serjeant William Savage with his wife, Thomas Ranney with his wife, John Ranney with his wife, Joseph Ranney with his wife, Samuel Stow with his wife, The Widdow of Capⁿ Nathaniel White deceased, Joseph White Jun^r, The wife of Thom^s Stow Sen^r, The wife of Daniel White Sen^r, The wife of Joseph White, The wife of Daniel Clark, The wife of Jonathan Warner, The wife of Nath^l Savage, The Widdow Shepard. All which persons except the Widdow Mary White were Dismissed from the Church of the South Society of Middletown. Also there was received into this Church at this same time Samuel Hall and Samuel Gipson.

“January 13th 1714–15. At a Church meeting at my House it was Voted & agreed upon that Relations should not be a binding term of Admission into this Church But persons might use their liberty in that case. It was voted and agreed upon by the Church at the same time, That persons not scandalous, and of competency of knowledge shall have the Seal of Baptism upon their desire they owning the Covenant.”

*Records of Rev. Joseph Smith,
Pastor North Church, Middletown.*

A later entry in the Church record says:—

“An Account of those that were of the Church of Christ in the North Society in Middletown which were not recorded by the Rev. Joseph Smith.

Gershom Butler and Mary his wife &c.
Thomas Savage and Mary his wife. ———
William Savage's wife Sarah. ———
William Savage's wife Hannah. ——— ”

THREE LETTERS WRITTEN BY GOV. LEVERETT IN 1675—NEWLY BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

Communicated by Hon. GEORGE SHELDON of Deerfield, Mass.

It was in the height of Philip's War, October 5, 1675, a large part of Springfield was burned by Indians. Under the strict orders of the Commissioners of the United Colonies, Maj. John Pynchon, the commander of the forces in the Connecticut valley, had the day before marched from Springfield to Hadley. There all his command was to concentrate for a grand movement up the valley. These orders had been known beforehand to the Indians occupying a fort near the village, and they planned to take advantage of the new programme.

Hitherto these Indians had been on the most friendly terms with the English, by whom they had been kindly treated and fully trusted. Special manifestations of friendliness to the settlers had